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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Takayuki SUGAHARA

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: Group Art Unit: 2613  
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: Examiner: LEE, Y YOUNG  
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For: **METHOD FOR PROTECTION OF DATA DECODING  
ACCORDING TO MEDIUM PROTECTION DATA AND FIRST AND  
SECOND APPARATUS PROTECTION DATA TO DETERMINE A  
RANGE OF PROTECTION FOR MAIN DATA AND WHETHER SAID  
MAIN DATA ARE DECODED IN THEIR ENTIRETY, PARTIALLY, OR  
NOT AT ALL, as amended herein**

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed April 2, 2004, the time for response to which is extended by one month to August 2, 2004, please amend the above identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.